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This paper is responsive to the Official Action mailed February 11, 2002 (Paper No. 18) the date of response to which is May 13, 2002 (May 11 falling on a Saturday).

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to several telephone interviews between the undersigned and Examiner Duong during the period of time May 3 to May 10, 2002 and to a telephone interview with Interference Specialist Mr. Hien Phan on May 13, 2002.

This paper confirms that agreement was reached with the Examiner that the outstanding final rejection would be withdrawn and, at least based upon allowed claim 53 (previously copied from claim 1 of USP 6,204,906 issued to Tannas on March 20, 2001), the application will be forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interferences for



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declaration of an interference in order to resolve the identify of the first inventor of the subject matter of the count.

In view of the identical nature of present allowed claim 53 and claim 1 in the '906 patent, an interference should be promptly declared in order to correct the public record as to whom was the first inventor of the subject matter of the proposed count. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a further brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate or simplify the declaration of the interference, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted.

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